

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A coupling for connecting a driving machine part and a driven machine part, comprising:

an intermediate shaft defining a shaft axis and having two shaft ends and at least one first connecting flange that includes a radially and axially protruding first claw having a plurality of first bearing journals and wherein each of the driving machine part and the driven machine part include at least one second connecting flange that includes a radially and axially protruding second claw having a plurality of second bearing journals; and

a first articulated lever coupling disposed at one of the two shaft ends and having at least three identical articulated levers, each lever having two lever ends and an elastic joint defining a joint axis disposed at each lever end, each lever engaging with the intermediate shaft at one of the plurality of first bearing journals and one of the driving machine part and the driven machine part at one of the second bearing journals via the elastic joints, wherein the joint axes of each lever are disposed parallel to each other and perpendicular to the shaft axis, and wherein each of the plurality of first and second bearing journals includes a conical shape for a non-blocking seating with the elastic joints.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The coupling as recited in claim 1, further comprising a second articulated lever coupling disposed at the other of the two shaft ends and having at least three identical articulated second levers, each second lever having two second lever ends and an elastic second joint defining a second joint axis disposed at each second lever end, each second lever engaging with the intermediate shaft and one of the driving machine part and the driven machine part via the elastic second joints, the second joint axes of each second lever are disposed perpendicular to the shaft axis.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The coupling as recited in claim 1, wherein the driving machine part includes at least one of a shaft and a wheel hub.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The coupling as recited in claim 1, wherein the driven machine part includes at least one of a shaft and a wheel hub.

Claim 5 (original): The coupling as recited in claim 1, wherein the joint axes of each articulated lever are parallel to one another.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The coupling as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least three articulated levers include four or six articulated levers, and each corresponding axial plane passes through a center of two of the articulated levers.

Claim 7 (original): The coupling as recited in claim 1, wherein the joint axes lie in a radial plane.

Claim 8-10 (cancelled):

Claim 11 (currently amended): The coupling as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the claws is integrally connected to ~~the~~ at least one of the first and second bearing journals.

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (original): The coupling as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the joints includes a bearing.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The coupling as recited in claim 13, wherein the bearing of each joint is spherical.

Claim 15 (original): The coupling as recited in claim 1, wherein at least one of the joints includes a cylindrical bearing.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The coupling as recited in claim 13, wherein the bearing of each joint includes an elastomer layer bonded to an adjacent metal part of the joint by vulcanization.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The coupling as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the articulated levers includes a protruding lug.

Claims 18 - 19 (cancelled)